

SHELVING UNIT FORMED FROM A VEHICLE TIRE

Abstract

A shelving unit is formed from at least a portion of an entire vehicle tire (generally a used vehicle tire). Shelves are mounted within the interior of the tire section so that the lengths of the shelves extend within an arc of the tread surface, with the shelves being oriented at least substantially horizontally within the tire interior. The shelves may be mounted by affixing a panel to the tire section along the plane at which the tire is cut, and then affixing the shelves to the panel, whereby removal of all or a portion of the panel from the tire section also allows removal of the shelves. Such a panel may be hingedly affixed to the tire section to allow it to be swung open to allow a user access to the tire interior (and the shelves therein), or the panel may otherwise be made removable from the tire section to allow access. A transparent window may be provided across one (or both) of the hub/rim openings to allow a user to see any shelves within the tire section, while serving to protect any items on the shelves. Interior lighting of the tire section may also be provided to illuminate the shelves and any items thereon.